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To provide for a credit for employers of tipped employees in determining the minimum wage required in States that require employers to pay a minimum wage at a rate higher than the Federal rate.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 4, 2007

Mr. Issa introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Minimum Wage Fair-
- 5 ness Act of 2007".
- 6 SEC. 2. MINIMUM WAGE TIP CREDIT.
- 7 Section 3(m) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of
- 8 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(m)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (2), by inserting before the pe-2 riod the following: "Provided, That the tips shall not 3 be included as part of the wage paid to an employee 4 to the extent they are excluded therefrom under the 5 terms of a bona fide collective bargaining agreement 6 applicable to the particular employee"; (2) by striking "(m) 'Wage'" and inserting 7 "(m)(1) 'Wage'; 8 (3) by striking "(1) the cash" and inserting 9 "(A) the cash"; 10 11 (4) by striking "(2) an additional" and insert-12 ing "(B) an additional"; and 13 (5) by adding at the end the following new 14 paragraph: "(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, 15 any State or political subdivision of a State which, on or 16 17 after the date of enactment of the Minimum Wage Fairness Act of 2007, prohibits any portion of a tipped em-18 ployee's tips from being considered as wages in deter-19 mining if such tipped employee has been paid the min-21 imum wage rate, may not establish or enforce any such law, ordinance, regulation, or order with respect to tipped 23 employees unless such law, ordinance, regulation, or order permits a tip credit in an amount not less than an amount

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equal to—

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"(A) the cash wage paid such employee which is required under such law, ordinance, regulation, or order on the date of enactment of such Act; and

"(B) an additional amount on account of tips received by such employee which amount is equal to the difference between such cash wage and the minimum wage rate in effect under such law, ordinance, regulation, or order or the minimum wage rate in effect under section 6, whichever is higher.".

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